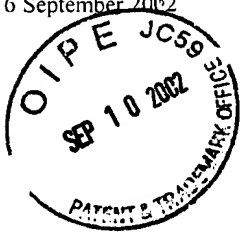


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 15, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. Exhibit A accompanies this Amendment. Two Terminal Disclaimers are also being filed at this time. In addition, Formal Drawings are also being submitted at this time, with a separate Transmittal of Formal Drawings.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: